Engineering, hockey, and Canada. No better words could sum up physics teacher Mr. Jordan. His students know the manliest subject is engineering, the toughest sport is hockey, and that Canada obviously won the War of 1812. To argue otherwise is futile, for Mr. Jordan could prove any disbeliever wrong.

Students have come to enjoy Mr. Jordan’s humor, and after hearing the unsettling news that he would not be returning for the second semester, they were not happy. The change has many students worried that the new teacher will not adhere to the same lessons and teaching style.

“Mr. Jordan is really funny, and a great teacher. He really knows what he’s talking about and I wish he could stay because I don’t want the class to change,” said Junior physics student Kevin Gassaway.

Although he knew his decision would be met with some opposition, Mr. Jordan chose not to turn down the exciting opportunity presented to him. Starting after Christmas, he will take on the formal title of Lecturer and Freshman Adviser at UNCC and will teach engineering classes.

“A person I used to work with recommended the position, and it deals with engineering, which is my first love. It will be different from Catholic, but in good ways. I’ll be dealing with technical content at higher levels and students will be more focused on one subject,” said Mr. Jordan.

Unlike high school, a college position may be slightly easier for Mr. Jordan because students should have many of the same interests, and will be more enthusiastic about the subject matter.

Seven years at Catholic, however, have caused Mr. Jordan to grow accustomed to the feeling of togetherness at our school. This type of environment is unlikely to exist to the same extent in a college setting.

“I’ll miss a lot. The students are a lot of fun, the staff is great, and I’ll really miss the family atmosphere,” said Mr. Jordan.

His new job will come with challenges but Mr. Jordan hopes to bring some of Catholic’s cherished values along with him to make the adjustment easier.

“I hope to get back the family atmosphere; it would be nice to see something similar. And obviously the new position won’t be nearly as faith centered as it is here. I’ll miss that. It will be a hard change,” said Mr. Jordan.

Administration has complete control of selecting Mr. Jordan’s replacement, and students are keeping their fingers crossed that they will make a wise choice.

Mr. Jordan will be missed, not only for his teaching methods and daily life lessons, but also for his refreshing sense of humor.